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Dept has recd memo from another agency stating Athens

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approached by Rendis re Grk plan for Greco-Albanian confederation
and requested by Rendis to discuss further with Papagos and Pipinelis.

Emb reportedly informed of conversation.

Dept's reply informs other agency that Dept already aware this
project which it considers unfeasible and undesirable, especially in
light of anti-Grk attitude majority Albanians, and containing danger
of serious complications with Itals, Yugos and Soviet bloc. Reply adds
shld not participate in discussion this polit subj with Grk officials
who, if persistent, shld be referred to Amb. Also recommends against
any operational arrangements by other agency designed promote Grk project.

Suggest you approach Grk Fonooff and emphatically discourage them
from undertaking any such plan. US wld give no (rpt no) support to
project which Dept considers (1) inconsistent with Albania's right to
independence to which US has subscribed since first World War (2) likely
to embroil Grks with Albanians and also with Yugos and thus not only to
damage Greece's own interests and position but also to provide new source
of instability in Balkans and danger to world peace. You may tell Grks
that we strongly oppose any operations or arrangements with emigre

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Albanians looking toward action in Albania with objective of establishing union or any other exclusive arrangement between Albania and neighboring countries (viz. Grk, Yugo or Ital).

Last connection Grk Emb here recently inquired re reported Ital proposal for US-UK-Fr-Ital conversations on Albania, and said Grk Govt wld regard as QTE incompatible with friendly relations UNQTE any such discussions which excluded Grks. Emb was informed Ital has made no such demarche to US (though we have since learned demarche was made to Fr). To sugar-coat above unpalatable remarks, you may assure Grks US does not contemplate any such conversations and in any event wld not agree to participate if Grks were excluded.

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